

West Ilsley Parish Council

FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held online on Monday 18th January 2021.
Commencing at 7:31pm.

Members Present: Alan Beaumont (AB), Chairman
Alan Bloor (APB)
Justin Gilbert (JG)
Alan Muir (AMM)
Graham Woods (GW)

Members Absent: None

Officers Present: Sarah Marshman, Clerk/RFO

In Attendance: Carolyne Culver, District Councillor
9 members of the public.

Minutes

- 1. To receive, and consider for acceptance, apologies for absence from Members of the Council**
The Chairman welcomed the new Clerk to the Council.
All members were present so no apologies for absence were received.
- 2. To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests or non-registerable interests by members or the Clerk and to consider any requests for dispensation**
No declarations of interests or requests for dispensation were received.
- 3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th November 2020**
Resolved: Members agreed the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as a true record. The Chairman signed the minutes.
It was noted afterwards that the last meeting was held on 1st December 2020 and that the minutes of the meeting on 9th November 2020 had already been agreed. The Minutes for the meeting held on 1st December 2020 shall be considered at the next meeting.
- 4. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 9th November 2020**
The Clerk was requested to contact the office for the MP for Newbury and invite Laura Farris to attend a future meeting.

The asset register was discussed, some work is required to complete it. The structure of WIRSA was also discussed. Some residents are in the process of pulling together further information about WIRSA and AB will report back at the next meeting.

The Harrow has been registered as a community asset and the Landlord notified – thanks were expressed to APB and Neil Fowler for their efforts.

The action to appoint a new Clerk is complete.

5. To receive a report from the District Councillor

The following planning application has been refused: 20/01002/COMIND Ilsley Barn Farm, Sunrise Hill, East Ilsley - Change of use and redevelopment of agricultural research buildings to workspace units (Class B1).

The COVID vaccination programme through the Downland Practice is due to begin the following week.

West Berkshire Council are currently holding consultations on the Local Plan and on Newbury Town Centre.

As a result of the recent speed review, another speed survey will take place, however, this will be delayed due to the current lockdown taking place. As a result, West Berkshire Council will install a ProGen 5 speed awareness machine. The location and message to be displayed will be determined by members of the Parish Council in consultation with the local residents who have been heavily involved in the process to date.

6. To consider the co-option of a new councillor

It was determined that the vacancy will need to be properly advertised before the Council are able to co-opt. The Clerk will ensure the advertisement is issued.

7. Planning Applications

No new planning applications or notifications of decisions had been received since the previous meeting.

8. To receive the Finance Report and consider approving payments

Resolved: To approve the payments listed on the Finance Report in Appendix 1.

9. To consider adopting the budget and setting the precept for 2021/2022

Some minor amendments were made to the budget.

Resolved: To adopt the revised budget and for the precept to remain at £10,700 for 2021/2022.

10. To consider ratifying the purchase of a Council laptop

Resolved: To ratify the purchase of a Council laptop.

11. To receive correspondence received since last meeting – for information only

There was no correspondence to note.

12. Community matters – to receive an update on the following:

WIN, website and communications: Thanks were given to the editors of the West Ilsley News.

Tennis Club: The tennis court is currently closed under LTA guidelines.

Village Hall: The Village Hall is waiting for quotes for repairs to the roof and is seeking advice on solutions for the flooring, heating and insulation.

Downland Volunteer Group: the group has been able to assist with ensuring the over 80s are able to attend to receive COVID vaccinations. Special thanks were expressed to Joe Clerkin and WIN for co-ordination.

13. Environment and upkeep – to receive an update on the following:

No updates were received.

14. Safety and services – to receive an update on the following:

Flooding: An application for CIL funding has been submitted to West Berkshire Council to cover the costs of the work required to dredge and bund the pond and carry out works behind the Village Hall. If funding is not received, the Council has included the pond works in the budget so this work will still be able to continue. It is noted the Council needs to arrange a site to take the silt removed from the pond. Special thanks were expressed to Clive Hooker for his invaluable effort in providing the supporting information and to AMM in pulling together the bid.

15. Working Village – to receive an update on the following:

No updates were received.

16. To discuss matters for future consideration or for information

It was suggested the Council needs to assess its priorities over the next 5 years and that a survey of the village to ascertain priorities could be carried out in the next 6 months.

17. To receive questions and comments from members of the public

There were no questions or comments from members of the public.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:43pm.

Date of next Meeting: 8th March 2021 at 7.30pm.

Appendix 1: Finance Report

Status at last bank reconciliation 31st December 2020	£48,824.16
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Income	Amount
None	£0.00
Total	£0.00

Payments to be approved

Payment Date	Payee	Payment Detail	Amount
18-Jan-21	Graham Woods	Reimburse purchase of Council laptop	£479.99
18-Jan-21	Graham Woods	Reimburse purchase of Zoom (3 months)	£43.17
		Total	£523.16